

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

CONGHUA YAN

Plaintiff,

v.

TARRANT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, Defendant.

and TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE, Co-Defendant.

Case No. [4-23CV-288-P]

**MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION  
AND BRIEF IN SUPPORT**

COMES NOW, the Plaintiff, Conghua Yan, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court for a Motion for Reconsideration and Brief In Support. The Plaintiff requests that this Honorable Court consider and grant this Motion for Reconsideration and Brief In Support, pursuant to FRCP 59(e).

In support of this motion, the Plaintiff states as follows:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. On March 22, 2023, the Plaintiff filed a complaint against Tarrant County Sheriff Department, the defendant and Tarrant County District Attorney Office, the co-defendant. ECF No. 1,
2. On March 31, 2023, Tarrant County Sheriff Department, the defendant and Tarrant County District Attorney Office, the co-defendant filed a motion to dismiss against the Plaintiff. ECF No. 8.
3. On April 21, 2023, the Plaintiff filed a Motion to Strike defendants' Motion to Dismiss. ECF No. 12.
4. On April 21, 2023, the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department, the defendant, and the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, the co-defendant, filed a Response to Plaintiff's Motion to

Strike Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Motion to Dismiss against the Plaintiff, with a Proposed Order attached, both in pdf format. ECF No. 15.

5. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Plaintiff filed a Reply to Response to Plaintiff's Motion to Strike. ECF No. 16.

6. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Court denied the Plaintiff's Motion to Strike defendants' Motion to Dismiss. ECF No. 18.

7. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Court ordered the Plaintiff to file an Amended Complaint. ECF No. 19.

## II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

8. Per PRO SE HANDBOOK FOR CIVIL SUITS published by Northern District of Texas, the letter from Karen Mitchell, Clerk of Court to Pro Se litigants, "You are reminded that litigation in federal court is a complex process. You must follow the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court."

9. Per PRO SE HANDBOOK FOR CIVIL SUITS published by Northern District of Texas, section 4. Basics for Filing a Case in the Northern District of Texas, "Every plaintiff and defendant must follow the rules of the court in which the case is filed. In the Northern District of Texas there are several sets of rules you must follow. Some rules apply in every federal court in the country. They include the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP), which control everything from the filing of the complaint to the jury's verdict."

10. FRCP rule 7(b)(2) *Form*. The rules governing captions and other matters of form in pleadings apply to motions and other papers.

11. FRCP rule 10(b) "Paragraphs; Separate Statements. A party must state its claims or defenses in numbered paragraphs, each limited as far as practicable to a single set of circumstances. A later pleading may refer by number to a paragraph in an earlier pleading. If doing so would promote clarity, each claim founded on a separate transaction or occurrence—and each defense other than a denial—must be stated in a separate count or defense." (Emphasis added).

### **III. Brief in Support of Motion for Reconsideration**

12. Despite the emphasis placed on FRCP rules, the defendants' motion to dismiss failed to comply with the requirement of stating their defense in numbered paragraphs. As a result, the plaintiff is experiencing difficulties in understanding, addressing, and responding to the defendants' defense, as the plaintiff is unable to refer to specific numbered paragraphs in the motion to dismiss. This issue is reflected in the entire portion of ECF No. 8. It should be highlighted that the term 'must' is employed by both the North District of Texas and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) in their requirements, which every plaintiff and defendant are obliged to adhere to. Although the plaintiff, acting as a Pro Se litigant, has shown genuine commitment and diligence in abiding by the court's regulations, the plaintiff contends that an equivalent benchmark should be enforced for the defendants as well.

13. Historically, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas had denied many motions for failing to comply with Federal and local civil rules. In this case, the defendants were granted a privileged exemption, and the plaintiff was ordered to bear the burden of the defendants' failure to comply with Federal and local civil rules. The plaintiff was not given sufficient time to understand the defendants' response, which was in an improper format.

14. The plaintiff seeks a motion for reconsideration under FRCP Rule 12(e) to be granted when 'a pleading to which a responsive pleading is permitted is so vague or ambiguous that a party cannot reasonably be required to frame a responsive pleading' (emphasis added), due to the defendants' failure to follow FRCP Rule 10(b).

### **V. Prayer for Relief**

15. Based on the foregoing, Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

A. Amend the Order to file an Amended Complaint, ECF No. 19., issued on May 8th, 2023, to give the plaintiff extra extension time to review the improperly formatted response, change the word from “no later than May 22, 2023” to “no later than Jun 22, 2023”, pursuant to FRCP 59(e).

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Conghua Yan

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